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"CASUALTY MESSAGE"

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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN

FOR: MRS. LYNDIA M. WHEELER
RT. 3, BOX 356-D
HOUSTON, TEXAS 22045

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH
OF YOUR HUSBAND ROGER WHEELER. VIRGINIA SANDERS OF RIGGING
INTERNATIONAL, YOUR HUSBAND'S EMPLOYER, INFORMED THE EMBASSY ON
MARCH 15 OF HIS DEATH IN AN ACCIDENT ON MARCH 14 AT OR NEAR
PUERTO CORTES, HONDURAS.

2. YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MR. GERALD STARLING OF
RIGGING INTERNATIONAL.

3. THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT MR. STARLING TO ARRANGE
FOR THE SAFE KEEPING OF YOUR HUSBAND'S EFFECTS.

4. REGRETFULLY I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE
URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. HONDURAN LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL WITHIN
24 HOURS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S RE-
MAINS RETURNED TO THE U.S. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIRSHIPMENT TO
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NEW ORLEANS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$1700. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DE-
SIRED, THE COST VARIES FROM \$400 TO \$1000 DEPENDING UPON TYPE OF
CASKET. EMBALMING COSTS AN ADDITIONAL \$750. CREMATION IS NOT
AVAILABLE IN HONDURAS.

5. SINCE THE QUALITY OF EMBALMING AVAILABLE HERE IS NOT
EQUIVALENT TO THAT KNOWN IN THE U.S., VIEWING OF THE REMAINS MAY

NOT BE ADVISABLE.

7. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICES OF RIGGING INTERNATIONAL AT TWO OFFICE PARK, SUITE 105, MOBILE, ALA. 36609, TELEPHONE 344-4129. MS. SANDERS HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN PUERTO CORTES, MR. STARLING, WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR WISHES. THE COMPANY WILL ALSO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RETURN OF YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS. YOU MAY WISH TO CONTACT A FUNERAL HOME IN THE U.S. TO ASSIST IN MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

8. A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH WILL BE PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE AND FORWARDED TO YOU AS SOON AS ALL FORMALITIES ARE COMPLETED.

9. IF NECESSARY YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION BY PHONING 22-5916 IN TEGUCIGALPA BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M. OF AFTER OFFICE HOURS YOU MAY CONTACT THE EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER AT 22-3121.

10. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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